

Alpha Omega Alpha elects honorary members

Individuals who have contributed substantially to medicine and fields related to medicine, but who are not eligible for membership in AΩA as graduates of a medical school with an AΩA chapter or as a faculty member of a medical school maintaining an active AΩA chapter, may be nominated for honorary membership by any active member of the society. In 2011 Alpha Omega Alpha's board of directors extended invitations to the following distinguished physicians and scientists.



Thomas Cech, PhD

Dr. Cech received a BA in Chemistry from Grinnell College and a PhD in Chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975. He is currently the Director of the Colorado Initiative in Molecular Biotechnology and Distinguished Professor at the University of Colorado Boulder. He won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1989 for discovering that ribonucleic acid molecules serve as enzymes or ribozymes in addition to their role in producing proteins. He has published extensively in chemistry and biology. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, and the National Academy of Sciences. He was awarded the National Medal of Science in 1995, the Lasker Basic Medical Research Award in 1988, and many other honors and awards. He has been a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator since 1988 and served with distinction as the HHMI President from 2000 to 2009. He is on the Board of Trustees for Grinnell College. He has excelled as a scientist and his discoveries and work have had a major impact on medicine and science. He has been an academic and scientific leader throughout his distinguished career.



Martin George Tauber, MD

Dr. Tauber is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Bern. He received his MD from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, and specialized in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He has served as the co-director of the Institute for Infectious Diseases, University of Bern, as Dean of the Medical Faculty, University of Bern, and as Vice-Rector for Research and Rector-elect of the University of Bern. He has published extensively regarding infections of the meninges and brain and treatment of CNS infections. He is on the editorial board for the *European Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases*. He has also published regarding medical education. He has an international reputation as an investigator in infectious diseases and as a distinguished educator.